रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सतपाल महाराज): (क) से (घ) पश्चिम रेलवे का मुख्यालय मुंबई से अहमदाबाद स्थानांतरित करने के लिए अभ्यावेदन प्राप्त हुए हैं, विभिन्न कारकों को ध्यान में रखते हुए, सरकार ने भुवनेश्वर, इलाहाबाद, हाजीपुर, जयपुर, बेंगलूरु और जबलपुर में छः नए जोनल रेलवे कार्यालय और अहमदाबाद में एक मंडल कार्यालय सहित आठ नए मंडल कार्यालय स्थापित करने का विनिश्चय किया है।

Rally by Indian Railway ticket checking staff

832. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a mass rally was organised by the Indian Railway Ticket Checking Staff Association from Secunderabad in January, 1997;

(b) if so, the details of their demands; and

(c) the action taken on the memorandum submitted in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) the demands are as under:

(i) Rest and Seating facilities for ticket checking staff in trains.

(ii) Payment of Running Allowance.

(iii) Cooking facilities in Running rooms.

(c) The demands raised in the memorandum received from this Association have been duly considered and appropriate action taken on merit. While rest and seating facilities are provided for the ticket checking staff, the question of payment of Running Allowance and providing cooking facilities does not arise as ticket checking staff are not classified as "Running Staff".

Issuance of complimentary passes

833. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) how many complimentary passes (for two years) for railway journey have been issued since the formation of the present Government; and

(b) the details of the number of the passes with names of the pass holder?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ):

(a) 79 Complimentary Card Passes with validity of two years have been issued from 17.06.96 to 25.02.97.

(b)

S. No.	Name of the Pass Holder	Complimentary Card Pass No.
1.	Dr. P. Padmavathi	04591
2.	Sardar Balbir Singh	04564
3.	Sh. Harbans Singh Bhalla	04674
4.	Dr. Chitra Singh	04680
5.	Sh. Devendra Panday	04682
6.	Smt. Kamla Kumari	04685
7.	Sh. Rajpal Singh Saini	04690
8.	Sh. Soaib Iqbal	04689
9.	Sh. Mohd. Islam	04687
10.	Sh. Siddharth Kapoor	04696
11.	Sh. Mihir Sethi	04699
12.	Sh. Subash Chand Bagri	04697